

Migrants (Determination by Tribunals Act, 1983 was reviewed and amendments were made in this Act in consultation with the Government of Assam in 1988. No further amendments are contemplated.

[English]

### Prohibition Cases

\*243. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the report of the National Crime Records Bureau for the year ending 1991 indicates an increase in prohibition cases in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-Wise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether any investigation has been made to find out the reasons for this increase; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The latest available publication of the National Crime Records Bureau pertains to the year 1990. The figures compiled therein indicate a decrease of 16.3 per cent in prohibition cases in 1990 as compared to the previous year,

(b) to (d). In view of above, do not arise.

### Oil and Gas Exploration Projects

\*244. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the various oil and gas exploration projects in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of such projects under-

taken by foreign companies and whether all of them were successful;

(c) the total amount spent thereon during the said period; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to avoid precious foreign exchange paid to foreign companies for exploration work?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). A statement is attached.

The amount spent on oil and gas exploration by ONGC and OIL during the last 3 years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
ONGC*	1093.17	868.85	1003.78
OIL	48.99	49.67	75.57

\*In the case of ONGC the figures include depreciation cost also.

Under the 3rd round of bidding contracts were signed with foreign oil companies for 9 off-shore blocks. 9 wells were drilled which proved to be dry. The foreign companies spent about US \$ 100 million on this exploration.

### Impact of Cyclonic Storm on ONGC Ship

2569. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Badrinath", a drilling ship of ONGC stationed in Bay of Bengal was caught in the cyclonic storm; and